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PATENT CASE: JB01587

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/679,987 Confirmation No. 4551  
Applicant : Malcolm et al.  
Filed : October 7, 2003  
TC/A.U. : 1637  
Examiner : Teresa E. Strzelecka  
Docket No. : JB01587  
Customer No. : 24265

January 11, 2007

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated July 11, 2006 in the above-referenced application. Filed concurrently herewith is a petition for a three month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), extending the term for responding to the Office Action until January 11, 2007, along with provision for payment of the required petition fee. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.